

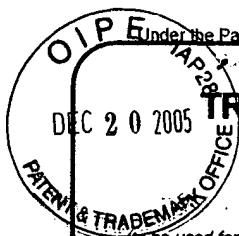
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Response to a second Office Action Restriction Requirement

Application SN 613,850

This communication is a response to a second Office Action requiring a restriction between inventions. The action has a mailing date of 12/02/2005 and sets forth a period for response of one month which would expire on 01/02/2006

The change of the examiner of record in this case is being noted.

The applicant questions the need for a restriction requirement in this application at this time. What happened to compact prosecution?

The examiner has grouped the inventions as follows:

- I. Claims 1 and 4, drawn to a ball retainer with a strap, classified in class 211, subclass 14.
- II. Claims 5 - 7, drawn to a ball retainer with a belt, classified in class 248, subclass 230.8

What is the difference between a strap and a belt?

The applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1 and 4 to be prosecuted without traverse just to comply with 37 CFR 1,143.

The claims have been rewritten to avoid an improper form.


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